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## 1. The following fortifications have been observed in the Domazlice area:

- a. Southwest of Chodov a trench system has been laid. It consists of three lines of infantry trenches and communication trenches leading to the Chodov gardens, and it bounds the southwestern part of the locality, its left flank starting from a slope east of Chodov. Three dugouts, each holding two men, have been built in front of the trenches to serve as outposts. Firing from these trenches could control slopes 594 and 524 PBM\* on the highway in southwesterly and southeasterly directions. Eight antitank gun emplacements, with shelters for guns and men, are already installed on the slope east of Chodov. The direction of fire is southwest on slopes of 608 PBM, and along the Vyhledy-Klenec highway.
- b. A fortified area with infantry and communication trenches exists on 595 PBM. The 33rd Infantry Regiment from Domazlice trains here with antitank guns for a period of three days each time.
- c. The concrete bridge near the Svaty Vojtech chapel on the Vyhledy-Klenec highway is ready for demolition electrically.
- d. Emplacements for eight antitank guns with communication trenches have been built on the road junction south of Capartice (721 PBM). A gamekeeper's house and a sawmill in the area have been converted into pillboxes or shelters for men.
- e. A 200 m. line of cheval-de-frise has been laid along both sides of the road 721 PBM to Jindrichova Hora.
- f. The Cerny Potok valley in the area of 541 PBM, Cerna Reka-Cernorecka Hut, is being made ready for inundation. On both sides of the creek, reservoirs 20 m long and 1.5 m deep have been built. Near 541 PBM the dike will raise the water level of the creek and will make the entire valley impassable to tanks.
- g. An antitank roadblock is located 1 km west of Cerna Reka on the highway. It is built of wooden beams 60 cm in diameter, 3.5 m high, 8 m wide, and 2 m

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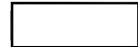
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underground. Clearance for trucks is 3 m wide. The beams are lined with barbed wire and are filled with stones and earth. An antitank ditch has been built 1,600 m ahead of this roadblock, near the border.

- h. Along both sides of a newly rendered road west of 567 PB<sup>1</sup>, 100 m of the wood has been cleared and a 200 m long cheval-de-frise fence has been erected.
- i. A wooden roadblock, similar to the ones at Cerna Reka, is located 150 m north of 568 PB<sup>1</sup> at Nytnice.
- j. Near the SWB-PS post, a former customhouse, and 150 m from the border at Haselbach, a trap 2 m deep has been excavated and camouflaged to look like a usable road.
- k. On barren terrain north of 497 PB<sup>1</sup> and south of Nemnice, a belt of trees consisting of two-year old ash trees, beech trees and alder trees has been planted. This belt is 500 m wide and 200 m distant from the border and it joins 567 PB<sup>1</sup> and the Dirmauter wood. The probable function of these trees is to hide the road which is parallel with the border.
- l. Ditches 3-6 m wide have been built on all roads leading to the border of the US zone. These ditches make the roads impassable to vehicles.
- 2. Construction of the highway from Klenec to Novy Postrekov has been discontinued by order of the Ministry of National Defense. This highway was started in 1948 and had been surveyed and cleared.

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 Comment: It is not certain what is meant by the initials "PB<sup>1</sup>" but they may represent the Prague-Brno-Moravska Ostrava highway or they may be a symbol for an army training map.

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